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In re application of:

Akira Murotani, et al.

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For: STORAGE CONTROLLER AND  
COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR  
MANAGING INFORMATION  
RELATED TO CONNECTION PORT

Art Unit:

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

~~Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please cancel  
claims 1-12 without prejudice.~~

Respectfully submitted,



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